

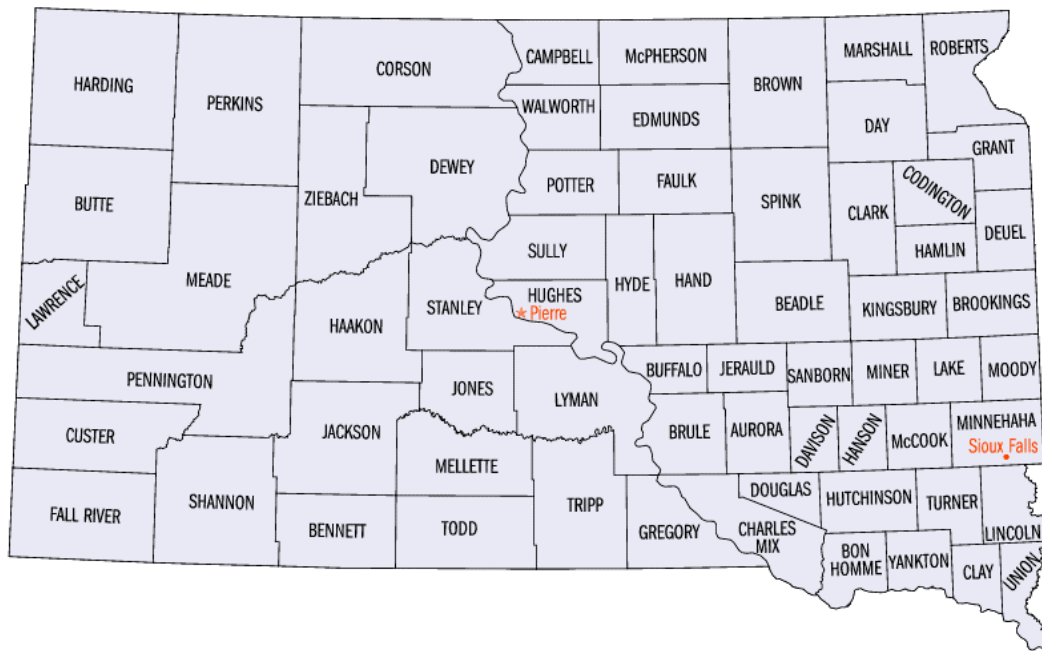
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South Dakota

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 761,063 (July 2002 estimate); 754,844 (2000 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 88% white; 0.6% black/African American; 8.1% American Indian/ Alaska Native; 0.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.0% some other race; 1.2% two or more races, 1.4% Hispanic/Latino origin

Politics

- Governor: Mike Rounds²
- Lt. Governor: Dennis Daugaard³
- Attorney General: Larry Long⁴
- Secretary of State: Chris Nelson⁵
- U.S. Senate: Thomas Daschle (D); Tim Johnson (D)⁶
- U.S. Representatives: William Janklow (R)⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁸
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for 6 states and 14 counties within South Dakota. The Midwest HIDTA addresses the explosive problems of methamphetamine that are occurring in these areas.
- South Dakota Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)⁹
The South Dakota D.A.R.E. program completed its thirteenth year of schooling for South Dakota youth in June 2001. The program's main focus is a presentation of a 17-lesson formal curriculum by uniformed law enforcement officers to elementary students in the 5th or 6th grades. Additional emphasis is placed upon junior high and senior high programs for students of those age groups.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in South Dakota:¹⁰
 - FY 2002: None
 - FY 2001: \$100,000 to The Source: A Boys and Girls Club, Sisseton;
 - FY 2000: \$99,958 to ASAP Coalition-Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention, Rapid City;
 - FY 1999: None
 - FY 1998: \$100,000 to Lower Brule and Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule.
- FY 2001/02 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant summary for South Dakota:¹¹
 - Formula Funding: \$5,983,090
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – \$4,388,101
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant – \$910,089
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) – \$300,000

- Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant – \$384,000
- Discretionary Funding: \$4,860,830
 - Mental Health – \$1,030,871
 - Substance Prevention – \$3,058,578
 - Substance Abuse Treatment – \$771,381
- Total Mental Health Funds: \$2,625,860
- Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$8,218,060
- Total Funds for South Dakota: \$10,843,920
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹²
Enemy Swim, Rapid City, and Martin have been officially recognized as Federal Weed and Seed sites in South Dakota.
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to South Dakota: \$2,346,472¹³
- There were no recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant in South Dakota.¹⁴
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant amount received in South Dakota:¹⁵
 - \$116,121 awarded to Sisseton-Wahepeton Sioux Tribal Court for drug court enhancement.
- FY 1996-2002 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to South Dakota:¹⁶
 - FY 1996: \$133,561
 - FY 1997: \$152,707
 - FY 1998: \$328,368
 - FY 1999: \$323,216
 - FY 2000: \$325,748
 - FY 2001: \$363,576
 - FY 2002: \$1,952,935
- There were no recipients in South Dakota of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹⁷

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, 1,304 offenders were suspected of drug/narcotic usage while committing an offense in South Dakota.¹⁸
- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 101 arrests for drug violations in South Dakota.¹⁹

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, South Dakota, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	54
1998	46
1999	56
2000	74
2001	101

- During 1999, there were 2,653 arrests for larceny-theft in South Dakota.²⁰ This number increased to 2,922 during 2000.²¹ During 2001, arrests for larceny-theft decreased to 2,239 in South Dakota.²²

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, South Dakota, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	8	10	6
Forcible rape	46	69	50
Robbery	46	39	27
Aggravated assault	418	452	273
Burglary	560	522	389
Larceny-theft	2,653	2,922	2,239
Motor vehicle theft	141	181	76
Arson	48	25	73
Driving under the influence	4,214	4,221	3,407
Liquor law violations	8,763	10,311	5,231

- During 2001, there were 2,132 drug violation arrests for possession of marijuana in South Dakota.²³

Number of Drug Violation Arrests, South Dakota, 2001

Drug Offense Type	Number of Arrests
<i>Sale and manufacturing</i>	
Opium or cocaine (+ their derivatives)	148
Marijuana	83
Synthetic narcotics	9
Other – dangerous non-narcotic drugs	80
Sale and manufacturing subtotal	320
<i>Possession</i>	
Opium or cocaine (+ their derivatives)	64
Marijuana	2,132
Synthetic narcotics	70
Other – dangerous non-narcotic drugs	388
Possession subtotal	2,654
Drug abuse violations grand total	2,974

- During 2000, there were 352 HIDTA methamphetamine arrests in South Dakota.²⁴

Drugs

- Cocaine²⁵
Cocaine HCL (powder cocaine) is readily available throughout all parts of South Dakota. Crack cocaine availability is increasing in South Dakota, but mainly in eastern areas.
- Heroin²⁶
Heroin is available in personal use quantities in South Dakota.

- Methamphetamine²⁷
Mexican methamphetamine is increasingly available in South Dakota.
- Marijuana²⁸
Marijuana is readily available throughout South Dakota.
- Club Drugs²⁹
MDMA availability is limited, but has been shown to be increasing. MDMA is more readily available in western parts of South Dakota. The number of rave parties in South Dakota remains stable. LSD availability is also limited.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals³⁰
According to the South Dakota Department of Health, hydrocodone products, codeine, and Darvocet-N are the most popular abused pharmaceutical substances in the State. These drugs are obtained by forged prescriptions and by phony call-ins.
- According to 1999-2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 44% of South Dakota citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.³¹

Percentage of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, South Dakota, 1999-2000 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month any illicit drug use	8.51%	12.57%	2.68%	4.75%
Past month marijuana use	6.50	11.37	1.85	3.73
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.21	5.16	1.34	2.21
Past year cocaine use	2.20	4.63	0.87	1.56
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	38.34	27.99	48.07	44.11
Average annual rate of first use of marijuana	6.16	5.43	0.10	1.60

- According to 2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 0.53% of South Dakota citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³²

Percentage of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, by Age, South Dakota, 2000

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	1.10%	2.35%	3.05%	0.53%
Illicit drug dependence and abuse	1.71	4.49	4.53	0.73
Alcohol dependence	2.83	3.55	6.81	1.96
Alcohol dependence or abuse	7.52	7.89	19.13	5.28
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	7.79	8.39	19.72	5.44

Juveniles

- During 1999, there were 523 juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations in South Dakota.³³ This number decreased to 518 during 2000.³⁴ During 2001, juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations continued to decrease to 404 in South Dakota.³⁵

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Selected Offenses, South Dakota, 1999-2001

Offense	1999	2000	2001
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	1	1	0
Forcible rape	11	15	15
Robbery	14	11	7
Aggravated assault	87	79	53
Burglary	243	237	223
Larceny-theft	1,268	1,356	977
Motor vehicle theft	68	90	39
Arson	31	21	22
Drug abuse violations	523	518	404
Driving under the influence	75	85	56
Liquor law violations	1,811	1,950	892

- During 2001, 36.3% of high school students in South Dakota reported using marijuana within their lifetime.³⁶

Percent of High School Students Using Selected Drugs, South Dakota, 2001

Drug Use and Type	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	33.7%	38.7%	36.3%
Current marijuana use	18.0	18.9	18.4
Lifetime cocaine use	7.3	7.6	7.6
Current cocaine use	2.5	3.3	3.1
Lifetime inhalant use	14.8	15.4	15.2
Current inhalant use	2.8	5.5	4.2
Lifetime heroin use	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lifetime methamphetamine use	8.3	8.2	8.3
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.9	6.7	5.4
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	6.6	7.1	6.9
Tired marijuana before age 13 years	19.7	31.7	25.8

Enforcement

- Midwest HIDTA Initiatives in South Dakota:³⁷
 - Tri-State, Sioux City Task Force: This task force is a co-located, multi-agency task force with members from Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska law enforcement agencies who collaborate to target the importation, manufacturing, and distribution of methamphetamine in the region.
 - South Dakota Statewide Drug Task Force: This Task Force coordinates methamphetamine efforts throughout the State through increased investigations, providing officer training and an intelligence analyst to increase the number of investigations and prosecutions related to methamphetamine.
 - Sioux Falls Meth Task Force: This co-located State and local Task Force, with participation from several other local, State, or Federal agencies, targets methamphetamine manufacturing, importation, and distribution organizations operating in Sioux Falls and other parts of South Dakota.

- Pennington County Meth Task Force: This Task Force is similar to the Sioux Falls Task Force except this Task Force focuses its efforts on Pennington County.
- As of October 31, 2001, there were 1,989 full-time law enforcement employees in South Dakota, 1,248 officers and 741 civilians.³⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2001 Federal agencies seized 3.5 kilograms of methamphetamine in South Dakota.³⁹

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, South Dakota, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	0
Heroin	0
Methamphetamine	3.5
Marijuana	2.9

- Cocaine can be obtained from Mexican sources in Sioux City, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; California; and Rapid City, South Dakota.⁴⁰
- Methamphetamine available in eastern South Dakota is obtained from sources in Sioux City, Iowa or from western states such as Texas, Arizona, and California. Methamphetamine is distributed locally by Caucasian residents who have been in the area for a long time, or by Hispanic males who recently moved to the State.⁴¹
- Mexican methamphetamine is shipped into the State directly from Denver, Phoenix, San Francisco, and San Diego.⁴²
- The prevalence of small toxic labs in the State has increased in the past few years. Local lab operators obtain chemicals from local hardware stores, truck stops, and department stores.⁴³
- The stealing of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer from farm supply stores and farmers is emerging as a serious problem in South Dakota.⁴⁴
- The number of methamphetamine lab seizures in South Dakota increased from 1 in 1996 to 17 during 2001.⁴⁵

Number of Methamphetamine Lab Seizures, South Dakota, 1996-2001

Year	Meth Lab Seizures
1996	1
1997	3
1998	0
1999	2
2000	7
2001	17

- Higher purity marijuana is produced in indoor grow operations in the Sioux Falls area. These indoor grow operations usually contain less than 1000 plants. Larger indoor operations have been found in the Rapid City area in western parts of South Dakota. These larger grow operations range from a few plants to several hundred.⁴⁶

- Multi-hundred pound quantities of marijuana are transported into the State from the Southwest border of the U.S. Smaller quantities of marijuana are also shipped via express mail services or purchased from Hispanic males in the Sioux City area and driven back to Sioux Falls.⁴⁷
- In 2001, there was a total of 3,454 cultivated marijuana plants eradicated and seized in South Dakota as a result of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁴⁸

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, South Dakota, 2001

<i>Outdoor Operations</i>	
Plots eradicated	2
Cultivated plants eradicated	3,420
<i>Indoor Operation</i>	
Grows seized	3
Cultivated plants eradicated	34
Bulk processed marijuana (in pounds)	278
Ditchweed eradicated	263,260,015
Total cultivated plants eradicated	3,454
Number of arrests	18
Number of weapons seized	1
Value of assets seized	\$14,490

Courts

- Drug Courts⁴⁹
As of January 2003, there were 6 drug courts in South Dakota. Two drug courts have been operating for over 2 years, 2 were recently implemented, and 2 were being planned.
- During FY 2001, 19.9% of Federally sentenced defendants in South Dakota had committed drug offenses. Approximately 64% of these drug offenses involved methamphetamine.⁵⁰

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, South Dakota, 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	4	6.9%
Crack cocaine	1	1.7
Heroin	0	0
Marijuana	16	27.6
Methamphetamine	37	63.8
Other	0	0

Corrections

- At the end of 2001, there were 4,462 adults on probation and 1,532 adults on parole in South Dakota.⁵¹

- As of January 31, 2003, there were 2,996 total adults inmates under correctional supervision in South Dakota, 2,721 males and 275 females. As of January 31, 2003, there were 320 inmates incarcerated in South Dakota for possession of a controlled substance.⁵²

Adult Inmate Population, by Drug-Related Crime, South Dakota, January 31, 2003

Drug-Related Crime Type	Number of Adult Inmates
DWI	350
Distribution of controlled substance	110
Distribution of marijuana	7
Possession of controlled substance	320
Possession of marijuana	8
Violation of drug-free zone	11
Delivering contraband to inmates	3
Distribution of marijuana (1 oz or less)	2
Distribution of marijuana (>1/2 lbs. but <1 lbs.)	4
Distribution of marijuana (> 1 lbs.)	6
Distribution of marijuana to minor	13
Possession of marijuana (> ½ lbs. but < 1 lbs.)	7
Possession of marijuana (> 1 lbs. but < 10 lbs.)	20
Possession of marijuana (> 10 lbs.)	6

Consequences of Use

- As of June 2002, there have been 58 South Dakota residents infected with HIV by injecting drug use since 1985.⁵³

Treatment

- During 2001, there were 6,757 total admissions to substance abuse treatment in South Dakota, 11.8% of which were for marijuana.⁵⁴

Admissions to Treatment, South Dakota, 2001

Drug Type	Number	Percentage
Alcohol only	3,202	47.4%
Alcohol with secondary drug	1,958	29.0
Cocaine (smoked)	20	0.3
Cocaine (other route)	23	0.3
Marijuana	794	11.8
Heroin	2	0.0
Other opiates	28	0.4
PCP	68	1.0
Hallucinogens	7	0.1
Amphetamines	198	2.9
Other stimulants	--	--
Tranquilizers	--	--
Sedatives	6	0.1

Inhalants	20	0.3
Other/Unknown	431	6.4
Total	6,757	100.0

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